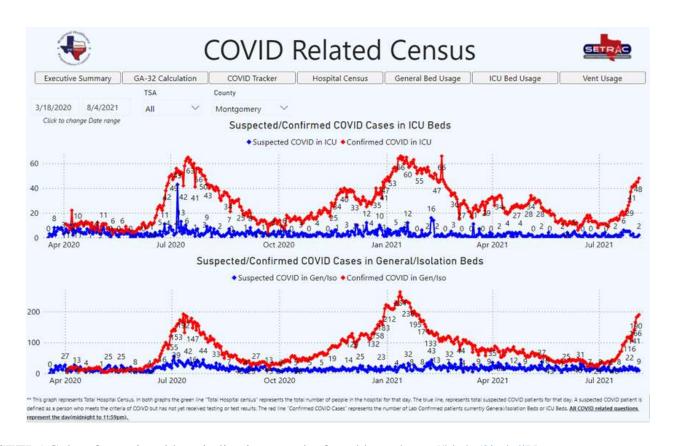


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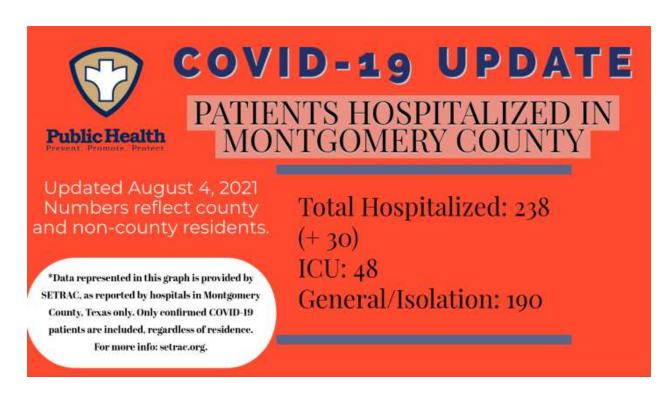
COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm hospitalizations for COVID-19 are nearing peak levels in Montgomery County. The vast majority of new cases and essentially all hospitalizations are in those who are *unvaccinated*.

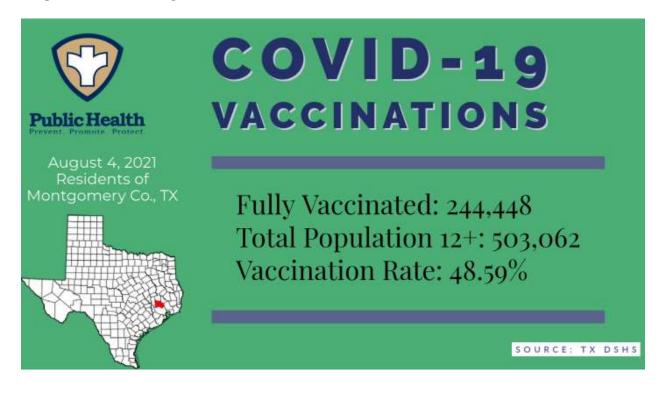


SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV.



We strongly encourage you to be vaccinated for COVID-19 if you have not done so already. Even if you contract COVID-19 after vaccination, the chances of severe illness, hospitalization and death are extremely low.

Only 49 percent of eligible Montgomery County residents are vaccinated. Need to find a vaccine? Click here: https://www.vaccines.gov/.



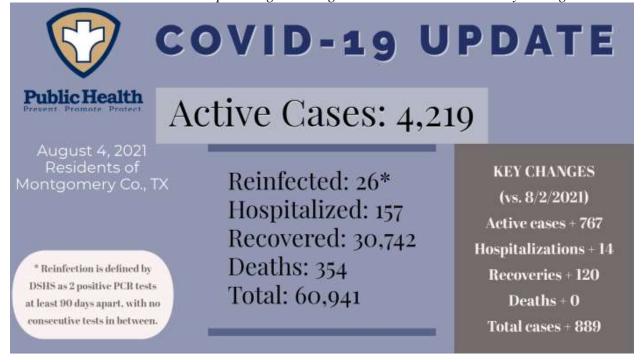
Since our August 2nd report, we can confirm a sharp rise in new COVID-19 cases.

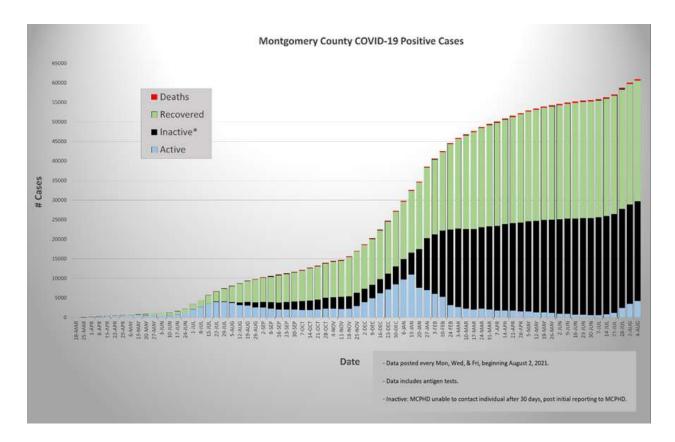
- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 889 to 60,941 since last Monday's (8/2) report. Of the 889 new cases, 58 are under the age of 12 and not eligible for vaccination.
 - Today, we added 3 confirmed reinfections bringing the total to 26. TX DSHS defines reinfection as a case with two positive PCR tests at least 90 days apart, with no consecutive tests in between. You can find more information on reinfection here: https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/docs/DSHS-COVID19ReinfectionGuidance.pdf.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 767 to 4,219 since last Monday's (8/2) report.
- 157 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 30,742 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has increased to 19%, up from 17% on Monday.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing.





The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here: https://coronavirus-responsemoco.hub.arcgis.com/.

Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself and those around you is to be vaccinated. You should also:

- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

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